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Big death toll

Channel ferry disaster

ZEEBRUGGE, Belgium. — Divers searched a capsized ferry yesterday for survivors as the Belgian government opened its probe into a wreck that left nearly 140 people dead or missing in the worst English Channel shipping disaster in modern times.

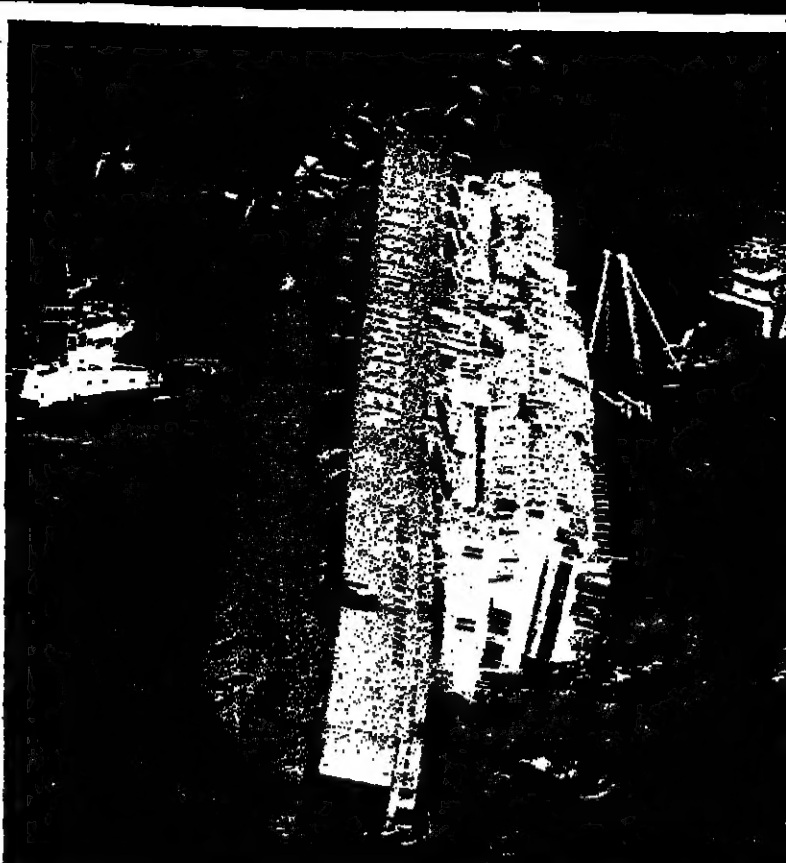
Authorities said 49 bodies had been recovered 24 hours after the disaster and at least 90 people were missing. No one has been found alive since yesterday morning.

An armada of tugs, warships and fishing boats from four nations converged on the disaster scene Friday night in one of the biggest air and sea operations since World War II. Divers rallied to an appeal for voluntary assistance. More than 400 people were rescued.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher flew over the 7,951-ton Herald of Free Enterprise and described it as "a horrifying sight."

Queen Elizabeth II sent her son Prince Andrew and his wife Sarah to Belgium to comfort families and survivors, most of them British.

The Belgian government is concerned that dangerous chemicals may have been on board the ferry, Transport Minister Herman de Croo said. But he added: "We have not got precise information at the moment."



Tugboats hold the capsized British car ferry, The Herald of Free Enterprise, off the coast of Zeebrugge, Belgium. (Reuters)

A spokesman for the ship's owners told reporters, "We do carry hazardous cargoes, so it would not be unusual. But we are checking."

The British government and the ferry's owners have opened separate investigations.

Flags flew at half-staff over European Economic Community headquarters in Brussels, and Belgian state radio station dropped Saturday entertainment to play solemn music.

Launching an investigation yesterday, officials said they were unable

to explain what caused the disaster 1.2km. off the Belgian coast.

"The question you are asking is the question I am asking," Thatcher told reporters who asked what caused the tragedy.

Experts speculated that the 7,950-ton ship hit an underwater object, allowing water through the large vehicle-loading doors. Once inside the hull, water slopped across the flat, box-like hold, developing a list that ended in the ship capsizing.

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Shultz going to Moscow

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Reagan is sending Secretary of State George Shultz to Moscow to discuss nuclear arms cuts and a possible summit amid fresh hopes of a major advance in superpower disarmament.

Reagan announced plans on Friday for the April 13-16 talks between Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze as he continued to try to free himself from the Iran arms scandal that has dominated his presidency for four months.

He said he hoped the talks would lead to recommendations on further steps that he and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev might "move forward in all aspects of our relations, including the Geneva (arms) negotiations."

National Security adviser Frank Carlucci, asked whether a Reagan-Gorbachev summit to sign a missile agreement might be possible, told reporters: "I'm sure this is one of the things that the foreign ministers would discuss when they meet. If there's progress... that (a summit) would certainly be a possibility."

In Paris, Moscow's chief negotiator in the Geneva arms talks with the U.S. has said the two sides have achieved a breakthrough on the removal of medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe and a treaty could be drafted in months.

Soviet delays hastened cancer victim's death

By JUDY SIEGEL

Cancer victim Michael Shirman, whose sister Inessa Fleurova was denied permission until November to leave the Soviet Union to give him bone marrow for a vital transplant, died Thursday night in Rehovot.

Shirman, 32, died after his liver stopped functioning following chemotherapy for leukemia.

Prof. Shimon Slavim, head of the bone-marrow transplant unit at Jerusalem's Haddassah-University Hospital, told *The Jerusalem Post* that Shirman's chances of being cured of leukemia would have been "very good" had the Soviets allowed his sister out just a few months earlier.

"He came to us in a desperate state," he said.

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Shirman's twin sister, Inessa Fleurova, at Friday's funeral. (Seligman/Israel Sun)

Demands for inquiry grow

U.S. insists: Punish Pollard's handlers

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — American and Israeli officials exchanged angry recriminations here yesterday over the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal. They warned of a major diplomatic clash unless both sides moved quickly to ease the crisis.

The warnings came even as the White House said that U.S.-Israeli ties would not be weakened by the Pollard case.

"Relations between the United States and Israel are strong and historic...and will not be harmed by this case," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters on Friday.

The Americans would like to see Israel establish a commission of inquiry and punish the Israeli officials responsible for handling the former U.S. naval intelligence analyst in Washington for 18 months. He was sentenced to life in prison last week. His wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, received a five-year sentence.

"Virtually no one in the U.S. believes any longer that this was an unauthorized, rogue operation," an American official said yesterday, citing the recent promotion of Israeli Air Force officer Aviem Sella who was Pollard's handler.

To further protest against the promotion of Sella, American officials said, the U.S. was seriously considering recalling to Washington one of its military attaches at the American embassy in Tel Aviv.

U.S. military and diplomatic officials have been told they will have to leave any meeting of any kind in Israel if it is attended by Sella, who was formally indicted by a U.S. grand jury on espionage charges last week.

U.S. sources yesterday said that

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By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
A number of ministers are expected to demand some form of inquiry into the Pollard affair at today's cabinet meeting. But knowledgeable sources yesterday said it was "extremely unlikely" that a judicial commission of inquiry would be set up to probe the affair.

Sources close to Prime Minister Shamir said last night that the prime minister was "dead set" against a judicial commission of inquiry and would prevent a discussion of the affair today, demanding instead that the matter be handled by the inner cabinet in its meeting later this week.

Foreign Minister Peres is also understood to oppose a commission of inquiry.

The prime minister regards the belated calls for a commission of inquiry — 15 months after the arrest of spy Jonathan Pollard by the FBI in Washington — as "hysterical and unjustified."

The most serious — and surprising — call to this effect was made during the weekend on Israel Radio in an interview with former Mossad and Shin Bet (General Security Service) chief Isser Harel.

"The political echelon has full responsibility for all that happened in the Pollard affair," Harel said, "and I would go so far as to say that if ever there was a reason for setting up a commission of inquiry in the State



Aviem Sella

of Israel, this is the case."

Harel described it as the "worst bungled affair in Israel's history. The matter must be investigated in depth. We must know how it happened and what happened so that something like this is not repeated."

Among the ministers who are expected to raise the matter, either at today's cabinet meeting or privately with Shamir and/or Peres, are Energy Minister Moshe Shalev (Labour) and Transport Minister Haim Corfu (Likud). Shalev told Israel Radio that "I will demand clear answers" regarding certain "superfluous events in Israel in this affair."

Shalev is believed to have been referring to the appointment last week, just days before Pollard's sentencing to life imprisonment, of Aluf-Mishne Aviem Sella as commander of the Israel Air Force's Tel Nof base. Sella, who has been indicted in the U.S., is reported to have been Pollard's recruiter and first controller.

Corfu yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that he opposes a judicial commission of inquiry but said that he believes an "inquiry of some sort" must be instituted as "certain things were not done properly." He added that if it is proven that the affair was the result of "private initiatives, then those responsible must be brought to book and must pay."

Corfu was referring, apparently, to the official Israeli explanation of the affair as presented to the U.S. by Shamir, Peres and Defence Minister Rabin, that Pollard was "run" in a "rogue operation," which was unsanctioned by the political echelon. The blame was laid at the feet of Rafi Eitan, a former Mossad operative who was appointed by former defence minister Ariel Sharon to head the Bureau for Scientific Ties (Halishka Lekishre Mada) in the Defence Ministry, and three of his officials who worked out of Israel's consulates in the U.S.

In the wake of Pollard's arrest, the bureau was dismantled and the Israeli officials involved were questioned in Israel by American investigators.

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U.S. ban on Sella will hurt IAF

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

TEL AVIV. — The U.S. ban on the Tel Nof air base while under the command of Aluf Mishne Aviem Sella is very damaging to Israel's security, well-informed sources said on Friday.

But there are no signs that the defence establishment is about to remove Sella, who was indicted in the U.S. for his involvement in the Pollard espionage case. Sella assumed his new post only nine days ago.

The dangers of such a ban had been clear to Israel even before Sella took command of Tel Nof. About half a year ago the Amer-

icans had advised Israel not to promote Sella. When Vice President George Bush visited Israel last July, he did not visit the Ramon Air Base

considerations must have made an impact.

First Sella is reputed to be an excellent officer. "No one has any doubt of that and there's no argument about that," an authoritative military source told *The Jerusalem Post*.

This view was expressed by Chief of General Staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levy in an interview published on Friday. "Aviem Sella is important to the 'Air Force' and to the IDF, not only as a talented and experienced commander, but as a pillar... in building the force."

Sella is one of the pilots who

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BACKGROUND

Joshua Brilliant

in the Negev — which the U.S. built for Israel — because Sella was its commander.

Why then did Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin allow Sella to be appointed commander of Tel Nof?

So far the minister has not discussed the matter publicly, but several

Gulf paper:

Three hostages slain in Beirut

ABU DHABI (AFP). — Three foreign hostages were killed nearly two weeks ago when Syrian troops stormed a stronghold of the pro-Iranian Hizbullah party in Moslem West Beirut, a United Arab Emirates newspaper said yesterday.

The Abu Dhabi-based newspaper *Al-Ihtad* did not name the victims, but said two of the hostages were believed to be West Germans.

The paper said its information was based on reports received by ranking military sources in Lebanon from "intelligence units at the American Embassy in Beirut."

More than two dozen foreigners are missing in Lebanon.

Firing of lawyer may delay Vanunu's trial

By MENACHEM SHALEV

With just a few days to go before the expected opening of Mordechai Vanunu's trial, his defence has been plunged into chaos with the announcement by family members that they are dismissing his attorney, Amnon Zichroni.

Vanunu is awaiting trial for revealing Israel's alleged nuclear secrets to *The Sunday Times* of London. It is not yet clear whether the decision to dismiss Zichroni was taken with Vanunu's consent.

Zichroni, however, is reportedly fed up with the interference of Vanunu's brothers in the preparations for the trial, and is unlikely to be persuaded to stay on as Vanunu's defence counsel.

Vanunu's brother Meir, who resides in Boston and came to Israel several months ago to assist his brother, has increasingly linked Vanunu's case to the international anti-nuclear movement and to domestic left-wing causes.

Relations between Meir Vanunu and Zichroni — himself a champion of left-wing causes — have grown hostile over the past few weeks. While Meir has pressed for a line of defence based on Vanunu's "political motives," Zichroni prefers to concentrate on the legal aspects of the trial and is opposed to turning it into a left-wing cause célèbre. With Meir here, Zichroni reportedly feels that he has lost his clients' trust.

Zichroni's dismissal and replacement require the approval of the Jerusalem District Court, where Vanunu is to be tried, and the written consent of Zichroni himself.

If such approval is granted, the trial is expected to be postponed to allow the new lawyer to acquaint himself with the voluminous legal material in the case.

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THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	38	2-14	10
Golan	36	3-12	9
Nahariya	36	3-12	16
Safed	73	3-10	8
Haifa Port	41	4-15	16
Tiberias	64	6-21	16
Nazareth	42	5-15	11
Afula	52	4-19	14
Shomron	41	4-15	13
Tel Aviv	59	10-20	16
B-G Airport	28	6-19	16
Jericho	29	6-21	20
Caesarea	54	9-20	17
Beersheba	26	5-20	16
Eilat	22	9-23	22

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Heide Albrecht, wife of the prime minister of Lower Saxony, West Germany, on Friday visited Beit Heuss, sponsored by Wizo Germany, where she was welcomed by World Wizo President Raya Jaglom and World Wizo Executive members Frieda Raphael and Judith Moshevi. Dr. Albrecht was accompanied by Mrs. Sylvia Haas, wife of the German ambassador to Israel, and Mr. Rudolf Gutte of the German Embassy.

ARRIVALS

For the Second International Conference of the Hadassah Medical Relief Association: Panama: Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz; Switzerland: Mrs. Coline Marti; Mexico: Mr. and Mrs. Broid.

DEPARTURES

Frieda Kert leaving on a one-month lecture tour of Australia for the Women's Division of Keren Hayesod - United Israel Appeal.

High school classes late

By LEA LEVAVI
TEL AVIV. - High-school teachers belonging to the Histadrut Teachers' Union will begin classes at 10 a.m. this morning, while their colleagues who belong to the Secondary School Teachers' Association will teach only from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
A spokesman for the Histadrut Teachers' Union said sanctions would continue tomorrow because the union had already been notified that salaries would not be in the bank today. A spokesman for the Secondary School Teachers' Association said teachers would continue to walk off the job at 11 a.m. until their salaries had been paid.

Anug replaces Baron

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Yeshayahu Anug, the Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general for Western Europe, on Friday was appointed assistant director-general, replacing Hanan Baron, who has retired from the ministry.
Anug will be in charge of the departments dealing with North America, Western and Eastern Europe, including the Soviet Union.
Yosef Haden, who is winding up his posting as Israel's ambassador to Brussels, has been appointed deputy director-general in charge of Asia and Africa. He is replacing Avi Primor, who will take up an ambassadorial posting in Europe.
Yehoshua Bernas, who was Israel's head of mission in Athens, has been appointed deputy director-general for international organizations. He will be responsible for relations with the International Committee of the Red Cross and Amnesty, among other bodies.
Shmuel Kahane, who is winding up his posting as ambassador to Denmark, has been appointed deputy director-general for special assignments.
Moshe Arad, who is completing his tour of duty as ambassador to Mexico, has been appointed deputy director-general for North America.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

U.S. vents anger over Pollard affair

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - U.S. senators and congressmen and the news media continue to sharply criticize Israel for running Jonathan Pollard as an agent within the American intelligence community.
"The Israelis want to bury the affair," commented *The Washington Post* in a lead editorial on Friday. "But it forces a fundamental probing of just what the mutual obligations of Israel and the United States are. Many people have a feeling of having been taken for a ride; and that feeling could take forms the Israelis can't possibly want to see. They need to do something about it - and fast."
The New York Times said: "Intelligence-sharing with Israel is important to U.S. security. Over the years, Washington has received more than it gave in this respect. But

Israeli leaders do not serve their nation's interests by pretending that high-level officials were uninvolved in the Pollard case and by rewarding those who were."
The *Times* noted that U.S. intelligence-gathering satellites "don't shut off their cameras as they cross Israeli borders... But for senior officials to conduct a major espionage operation against a close ally is a breach of trust of a different magnitude."
What especially outraged both newspaper editorials was Israel's decision to promote Air Force officer Aviem Sella despite his involvement in running Pollard in Washington.
"Covering one outrage with another, Israel recently promoted Mr. Sella to the command of one of its largest air bases, just before a Federal grand jury indicted him for his role in the Pollard case," the

Times said. It pointed out that the man in overall charge of the Pollard operation, Rafael Eitan, had earlier been named chairman of Israel Chemicals, the largest government-owned company in the country.
The *Washington Post* added that the "suspicion is overwhelming that Israel did something terribly wrong and is now covering up and counting on its high strategic and political standing to spare it further costs. This is a country that enjoys extraordinary American intelligence cooperation as a matter of course, that is moving to reap major new indirect forms of American aid now that its extraordinary \$3 billion a year in direct aid is leveling off and that is crucially dependent in the long run on American support."
The *Post* said that Israel owes the U.S. "the full story of the raid on American intelligence computers.

The affairs and societies are different, but President Reagan has just set an excellent example of accountability. Will the Israelis prefer to wait for widespread American political exasperation and the consequent pressures that are sure to be urged?"
Around the country, there were similar expressions of anger towards Israel. A cartoon on the editorial page of *The Palm Beach Post*, for example, showed Pollard and his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, handing over a briefcase full of secrets to someone at the Israeli Embassy. It then noted that Sella had received a promotion. "Uncle Sam" was depicted as sad and hurt. Israel, on the other hand, was seen as receiving \$3 billion in U.S. aid and a whole bunch of secret documents.
Given Israel's strong domestic political support, most senators and

representatives were reluctant to speak out against Israel publicly. Privately, they voiced their personal outrage. Those who did speak out publicly did so only in relatively muted tones.
American Jewish political activists and other strong supporters of Israel have been deeply embarrassed by the Israeli government's public posture. In contrast, they have warmly welcomed the candid comments issued over the past few days by Labour MK Abba Eban and a handful of other Israeli observers who have called for an investigation of the entire Pollard affair.
Eban, especially, has been outspoken and widely quoted in the U.S. news media in projecting what pro-Israeli circles see as a very reasonable and effective position of anger towards those Israeli officials involved in the Pollard affair.

Sex favours case touches former MK

By BERNARD JOSEPHS

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A former Knesset member is being investigated by police in connection with alleged demands for sexual favours made by a senior government official.
The former MK, who has denied any connection with the alleged offences, is Gustav Badian, the director-general of the Tourism Ministry's project development corporation and a prominent member of the Liberal Party.
He is an associate of Aharon Teitelman, a senior adviser to the tourism minister who is being held while police probe allegations that he demanded sexual favours from women employees in return for perks such as car allowances.
A police source confirmed last night that Badian was under investigation.
One of the women allegedly approached by Teitelman was reportedly asked to persuade another member of the staff to have sex with "a senior public figure." Badian is suspected of being that figure.
Badian has denied the charge.

Sharir's future in the balance

By MENACHEM SHALEV

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Senior Justice Ministry officials are anxiously awaiting the High Court of Justice's decision on the William Nakash extradition case, due to be handed down on Tuesday.
The judgment may play a crucial role in determining whether Avraham Sharir will continue to serve as justice minister, well-placed sources said last night.
Sharir, over the strenuous objections of his top advisers - including Attorney-General Yosef Harish - and citing potential dangers to Nakash's life in a French jail, decided in December not to extradite Nakash to France. Several MKs and university professors then petitioned the High Court to overturn the justice minister's decision.
The court is seen as having three possible options: it may approve Sharir's decision - in which case Nakash will be immediately released from prison; it may rescind Sharir's decision - thus ordering Nakash's extradition; or it may refer the matter back to Sharir for further consideration.
The strained relations between Sharir and Harish first received public exposure in their comments concerning Nakash. At one time Harish



Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir

said that Nakash "represented all the worthless trash of the Jewish people."
Harish met privately with Prime Minister Shamir last week to complain about his difficulties with Sharir and the lack of public backing from the justice minister in the face of escalating parliamentary and media attacks against him.
Sharir also met with Shamir recently and offered to relinquish the justice portfolio, citing his frustrations with the ministry and its personnel.
Sharir and Harish are also at odds over the appointment of a successor to Deputy Attorney-General Yoram Bar Sela, who is slated to leave his post soon. Sources close to Sharir have accused Harish of trying to undermine the appointment of Tel Aviv attorney Avraham Barir to replace Meir Gabai as director-general of the ministry.
Harir, a long-time personal friend of Sharir, is affiliated with the Yitzhak Rabin camp in the Labour Party.

Druse, Circassians courted by political figures

Shamir pledges support for Israel's minorities

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Shamir has announced that he will support the NIS 140 million "equal opportunity" plan for Druse and Circassian communities to be debated by the government today.
In a meeting on Friday with Druse and Circassian leaders, Shamir said a "special effort" would be made to find funds for the plan developed by minister-without-portfolio Moshe Arens, who is in charge of minority affairs.
Arens's plan calls for equalizing government spending on housing, employment, education and municipal aid in Druse and Circassian communities with levels in the Jewish sector.
But Druse and Circassian community leaders who met with Shamir on Friday received the programme with a mixture of enthusiasm and disbelief.
Shinui MK Zeidan Atshe said the plan was unprecedented because it

was backed by proposals for financing. "The prime minister... says he hopes that on Sunday the government will approve it," he said.
But Salih Tarif, local council head of the Galilee Druse village of Julis, said Arens's plan "lacked teeth" because the necessary allocations had not been incorporated in the ministerial budgets for the coming fiscal year. He doubted, therefore, that money would be found to implement it.
He charged that the government still hadn't delivered NIS 2m. promised in September 1986 to cover local government budget deficits from 1985.
Arens, however, told the Druse that the finance minister and the deputy interior minister last week agreed to forgive outstanding local government debts in the Druse and Circassian communities.
He also expressed hope that once his plan is implemented, "we will be able to tell the Druse that the debt we have owed [them] for a long time has indeed been repaid."

Promising the earth and the sky

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - Last Friday was a good day for the Druse. While Prime Minister Shamir and two of his Likud colleagues promised them the sky in Jerusalem, two Alignment ministers pledged them the earth in Daliat-al-Carmel and Ustiya.
Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin, visiting the two Druse villages with Energy Minister Moshe Shahal, promised that his ministry would allow Daliat-al-Carmel to build on an additional 5,000 dunams and Ustiya on an extra 900.
The Lands Administration would rezone these areas from agricultural to building purposes, thus meeting the villages' housing needs for several decades to come and solving the most aggravating problem faced by ex-servicemen who have been unable to build themselves homes.
The rezoning would also bring almost all of the two villages' unlicensed homes inside the legally permitted areas, solving another burning problem.
Nehamkin also promised that the Lands Administration would sell building plots in these areas at the same rate it charged in nearby Yokne'am, or one-half the price previously charged in the Druse villages.
The new arrangement will still leave four homes in the two villages outside the law and under court-issued demolition orders. The court has stayed execution of the order until March 30.

Phone threat to MK Aloni

By DVORAH GETZLER

Post Knesset Reporter
Citizens Rights Movement MK Shulamit Aloni, recovering from surgery in a Tel Aviv hospital, yesterday received a threat to her life by an anonymous caller identifying himself as a member of Meir Kahane's Kach Party.
The caller, presenting himself to hospital authorities as Aloni's party colleague Dedi Zucker, told Aloni, "We hear the doctors have saved your life. But we will undo what they have done. We're going to murder you."
Aloni said she took the Kach threat as seriously as she took the hundreds of messages of goodwill from political opponents. She said she well remembered the hatred in the eyes of Kach members when they prevented her and other MKs from attending a demonstration in Hebron a year or so ago.

Egyptian boycott

Post Middle East Staff

The Egyptian Journalists' Association on Friday voted to reaffirm a 1985 resolution calling for a boycott of Israeli journalists and newspapers.
Friday's resolution also stipulated that disciplinary measures would be taken against Egyptian journalists who violated the ban.

Herzog's Germany visit set

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
President Herzog will begin his four-day state visit to Germany on April 6, it was announced simultaneously in Jerusalem and Bonn on Friday. On April 1 he will pay an official visit to Switzerland.
Herzog will become the first Israeli president to visit Germany. Plans for the visit were first announced in November last year and raised protests among some Holocaust survivors.
Herzog is repaying the visit of President Richard von Weizsaecker, who came to Israel in November

1985. During his visit, Herzog will meet with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and visit the site of the former concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.
A number of Jewish groups, including survivors of the camp from the U.S., are expected to send delegations to Germany during Herzog's visit.
In Switzerland, Herzog will be the guest of the federation of Jewish communities in Switzerland, and of the government of the canton and city of Basel, which is marking the 90th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress, convened there by Theodor Herzl.

SELLA

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downed a Soviet-flown Mig-21 over the Suez Canal on July 30, 1970. Five Soviet-piloted planes were shot down in that encounter. Later, he flew a reconnaissance mission over Syria and photographed an SA-6 ground-to-air missile - the first missile of this type believed to have been photographed by a Western air force.
Another factor in approving his appointment must have been the effect a refusal would have had on the corps' morale. The Air Force's commanders were up in arms over Rabin's refusal to grant Sella the rank of tat aluf (brigadier general), which has always been accorded to the commander of a base the size of Tel Nof.
Those officers maintained that penalizing Sella would be tantamount to abandoning a pilot on the battlefield.
Thirdly, there was the question of

how strongly Sella should be penalized for his role in the Pollard affair. There was a belief that if he denied the command of Tel Nof, this could be interpreted as indicating he had played a major role in the affair and not a very minor one as the Americans had been told.
On the other hand, some analysts acknowledge that the Israeli authorities were not sensitive enough to U.S. arguments that if Sella did get the new job, the higher authorities must have approved his actions in the Pollard affair.
Informed sources also admitted to a measure of clumsiness and crossed wires in the defence establishment's handling of Sella's appointment. The American military attaché was actually invited to the ceremony.
In the end, it was the preparations for the ceremony that clinched the appointment. Rabin learned - too late - that a date had been set and all the arrangements made. He thus was faced with a virtual *fait accompli*.

DISASTER

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It was bound for Dover.
"The basic design of Ro-Ro (roll-on, roll-off) ferries makes them vulnerable," said Clive Langmead, a former ferry pilot.
The half-submerged vessel, was surrounded by warships and tugs yesterday as divers cut holes into the

hull to reach inner compartments. High tides forced them to suspend their work at about 4 p.m., officials said.
Inside the ship, the divers found bits of clothing, porthole windows smashed, some corpses wearing life jackets and hundreds of other life jackets still stowed (A.P. Reuter)

DEATH

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condition and he knew exactly what the risks were," Slavim said. "But he decided to go ahead with the transplant even though he knew that at that stage he had less than a 1 per cent chance of survival."
Prof. Alain Berrebi of Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot said there was a good chance Shirman would still be alive had his sister been allowed to emigrate sooner.
"If we had been able to perform the transplant by April last year, statistics indicate a 50 per cent probability of recovery. By the time we were eventually able to operate in January this year, Shirman was already so ill that his chances of survival were slim," he said.
Slavim added that Shirman "fought until the end," even after entering Kaplan three weeks ago. "In my name and the name of our [transplant] team, we mourn Shirman and are very sad. But we believe that we did all we could to save his life."
Shirman emigrated to Israel from the Soviet Union in 1980. In October



Michael Shirman (Media/Bea Azri)

1985, he discovered he was suffering from leukemia.
Doctors advised a bone-marrow transplant and said that in such cases chances of success were highest when the donor was a sibling.
Fleurova applied for permission to travel from the Soviet Union to Israel. Despite an international campaign, she was granted a visa only after Shirman, bald from chemotherapy, appeared in Reykjavik during the U.S.-Soviet summit.
Shirman was buried in Rehovot on Friday.

On completion of the shloshim for

SIDNEY B. LUNZER ז"ל

we shall meet at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem, for the unveiling of the tombstone and a short memorial service at 3:00 p.m., today Sunday, March 8, 1987.
Memorial shniur the same day in the Yeshurun Central Synagogue at 5:30 p.m.

Lunzer, Luzann, Ophir Families

With great sorrow I announce the death of my beloved father

ZVI (Ozzi) OSRIN

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, March 8, 1987, Adar 7, 5747, at 3:30 p.m. at the Kfar Shmaryahu cemetery.

Anat and Family

Memorial Service

DOROTHY WHITNER

Died in Texas March 3, 1987

Memorial service today, Sunday 8, 1987 at 3:30 p.m., at Halcyon House, 13, Nashashibi St., Sheikh Jarrah Jerusalem. Tel. 02-828964.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our dear

ERNA SIMSON

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, March 8, 1987, at 4.00 p.m., at Kfar Sava cemetery.

A bus will be available for those attending, leaving at 3:30 p.m. from the Vera Solomon Centre, Kfar Sava (near the Ra'anana Junction)

The bereaved:
The Family and friends

Our sincere condolences to
JANET HILMAN AND FAMILY
on the loss of her

Father

Director and Staff
Sourasky Central Library
Tel Aviv University

In deep sorrow and grief, we mourn the sudden passing of our beloved mother and grandmother

SOPHIE CHORITZ

The funeral will leave from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour today, Sunday, March 8, at 11 a.m., for the Givat Shaul cemetery.

Pearl, Ian, Michal, Noam and Lee Rogow
Lazar, Elaine, Megan and Paul Choritz
Vivian, Miriam and Yair Choritz

We mourn the sudden passing of

SOPHIE CHORITZ

and extend heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Rogow and Kalmanowitz Families

With profound sorrow we announce the death, in the maturity of her years, of our beloved mother and sister

MAZAL (Eliachar) COHEN

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, March 8, 1987, Adar 7, 5747, leaving the Municipal Funeral Parlour on Shamgar Street at 2:00 p.m. for Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem

Her daughters are sitting shiva at the residence of Shoshana (Rosa Levy), 28 Jabotinsky St., Jerusalem

Bitterly mourned by:
Her daughters: **Zipora Gelman and Family**
Shoshana Levy and Family
Her brother and sisters: **Menashe H. Eliachar and Family**
Miriam Alacid and Family
Victoria Btsh and Family
Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren



A helicopter hoists ferry's passengers and crew to safety as the search for those missing continued. (Reuters)

Survivors tell of heroism in midst of fear and death

ZEEBRUGGE (Reuters). — Joy, anguish and resignation mingled yesterday in a swirl of emotion among survivors of the capsized ferry Herald of Free Enterprise as they tried to discover the fate of relatives and friends.

Almost 24 hours after the cross-channel ferry disaster, the 405 mainly British survivors pondered their good fortune. But for many this was tempered by fears that their spouses, lovers and children may not have been so lucky.

In the confusing aftermath, some survivors were unexpectedly and tearfully reunited with their near ones, with whom they had lost contact as icy water cascaded into the cross-channel ferry Friday night. There were 39 known dead and about 90 still unaccounted for.

Among the tales of death in the British ferry accident were stories of

heroism — the grandmother who turned to help someone in a wheelchair and was lost, the man who carried a baby to safety in his teeth and the divers who risked their lives when hope was all but gone.

When the ferry filled with water and turned on its side Friday night at Zeebrugge harbour in Belgium, boats and aircraft from half a dozen countries responded immediately and saved hundreds of people.

"The water was coming higher and higher and I thought I was going to drown," said truck driver William Cardwell from Northern Ireland, who had been trapped on an upper deck. "Suddenly it stopped and I heard someone say that the boat was lying on the bottom."

Then he saw a man with a child under each arm and a four-month-old baby in his teeth. "I saw this chap climbing over the tables and chairs

holding the child in his clenched teeth. It was unbelievable," he said. "It was pitch dark and freezing cold, and we took turns to rub the baby to keep it warm."

Passengers passed children up through a broken window onto the hull where they waited for a helicopter.

College student Rebecca Carbley, 18, related: "The boat was going over. A wheelchair suddenly went past with someone in it. My grandmother instinctively put out her hand to stop it. She was carried with the wheelchair down the ship and we didn't see her again."

"I don't know if she's alive or dead," she said.

Divers from Belgium, the Netherlands and Britain plunged into the frigid water, finding some survivors in air pockets among dozens of floating bodies.



Rescue workers in Zeebrugge carry out one of the passengers injured when the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized. (Reuters)

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Malaysia says Briton must hang for drugs

PENANG (Reuters). — Briton Derrick Gregory, was sentenced to death by hanging here Friday after a Malaysian court found him guilty of trying to smuggle 576 grammes of heroin out of the country when he was arrested in Penang airport October, 1982.

Gregory, 37, a painter and decorator from Richmond in Surrey, was charged under a now replaced law that permitted the court to show mercy and sentence the convicted man to life in prison. Newer drug laws here mandate death for major possession of drugs.

Explosion on tanker

ATHENS (Reuters). — An explosion aboard the Greek-flag tanker Theonymphos yesterday injured five people, the Greek merchant Marine Ministry said.

A ministry spokesman said the blast appeared to have happened in a store room of the 44,863-ton vessel which was anchored in Piraeus Bay near Greece's main port of Piraeus.

Soviet student executed

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A 25-year-old student in Soviet Georgia was shot by firing squad after he stabbed a person to death for a pair of jeans, the republic's Communist Party newspaper reported.

In its March 3 edition, which arrived in Moscow yesterday, Zarya Vostoka said Georgian authorities had refused clemency to the student, G. Kvanchiani, in view of the seriousness of the crime.

Basque town hall bombed

BILBAO, Spain (AP). — Police here said yesterday that suspected Basque separatists are behind the bombing of a town hall building in a Bilbao suburb to retaliate for governmental delay of approval to return an alleged ETA leader's body to Spain.

The explosion late Friday outside the Treasury office of the town hall of Baracaldo caused moderate damage and no injuries.

Hess in hospital

WEST BERLIN (Reuters). — Hitler's former deputy, Rudolf Hess, serving a life sentence for war crimes, has been admitted to a military hospital in West Berlin, an Allied spokesman said Friday.

Hess, 92, was taken to the British military hospital last Sunday from Spandau Prison, where he has been the sole inmate since 1966. He was under observation and there was no cause for concern, the spokesman said. Allied sources said he was suffering from a mild form of bronchitis.

Hess has been admitted to hospital several times during the past decade, the last occasion nine months ago.

The Israel Colloquium for the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science

announces that

Prof. MYLES BURNYEAT'S LECTURE

scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 is cancelled.

The next Colloquium will take place as scheduled on Tuesday, March 31, in Hall 449, the Gilman Building, Tel Aviv University.

Legal row over Abdallah sentence



TV picture of lawyer Mazurier

PARIS (Reuters). — A lawyer's admission Friday that he worked for France's secret service while defending Lebanese terrorist Georges Ibrahim Abdallah has sparked a legal furor here and opened debate on the validity of a life sentence imposed on Abdallah.

The confession by Jean-Paul Mazurier, 32, set off a row among lawyers over what was termed a betrayal of legal ethics.

Abdallah, 35, suspected head of the far-left Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Front (Far), was jailed for complicity in two murders and an attempted assassination of diplomats in France.

Jacques Verges, who replaced Mazurier as Abdallah's counsel before the trial, has suggested that the leaking of confidential information to the French secret service should lead to the quashing of the sentence.

Abdallah's only other hope of early release evaporated earlier Friday when Prime Minister Jacques Chirac ruled out the possibility that he would ask President Francois Mitterrand for a pardon.

There have been repeated press reports that the French government was opposed to giving Abdallah a harsh sentence for fear of unleashing reprisals from his supporters.

Mazurier said he relayed to the DGSE the text of messages given him by Abdallah to pass on to his followers.

"I am not just a lawyer, I also belong to the French secret services (DGSE)," he told an interviewer over French television. "I not only betrayed Abdallah but I violated all the duties of my profession."

Mazurier, previously known as a sympathiser with left-wing causes, said he began to work with the DGSE after Abdallah revealed plans to carry out attacks in Paris.

Mazurier was Abdallah's first lawyer after he was arrested in Lyon in October 1984. He was later replaced by Verges, one of France's best known advocates.

UK linked to Contra arms

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Britain was reportedly involved in an operation to ship \$27 million worth of military equipment to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. According to reports in today's Observer, the arms shipment was attempted with the knowledge of the British and U.S. governments and with the promise of U.S. military protection.

The report quotes the ship's chief officer, John Collins, as saying "Mrs. Thatcher and President Reagan were involved with this thing from the word go."

Collins said he was told that the operation involved six voyages with arms pick-ups in Yugoslavia.

Warning against sex with foreigners

Soviets blame West for Aids

MOSCOW. — The head of a team carrying out research into Aids has warned Soviet people about the dangers of sexual contact with foreigners.

Vadim Pokrovsky, who is leading research at a Moscow clinic, said those most at risk were people who had sex with foreigners and who led dissolute sex lives. "It is especially dangerous to have sexual relations with foreigners," he said.

His remarks were made in an interview published yesterday by the official newspaper *Leninskoye Znamya*, which said it had received many letters from readers worried about the spread of Aids in the West.

Pokrovsky said the institute had recorded 20 Aids cases, but all were not Soviet citizens. However, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said last month that one

Soviet girl had contracted the disease, apparently through a contaminated needle.

Pokrovsky said, while no cure had been found for the disease, people should not panic and gave the address and telephone number of the clinic where free Aids tests and consultations were available.

In New Delhi yesterday, a court ordered the deportation of a Swiss national said to be suffering from Aids, officials said.

Hongkong yesterday reported a foreigner has become the fourth known Aids patient to die in the British colony, a government official said yesterday. Local newspapers identified him as diplomat from Zaire, residing in Beijing (Peking). (Reuters, AFP, AP)

Iran claims Iraqi assaults beaten back

NICOSIA (AP). — Iran said its forces, fighting in freezing weather, wiped out two counter-attacking Iraqi brigades in the snow-covered Kurdistan mountains yesterday in a four-day-old Gulf war offensive.

Iraq claimed its troops, backed by fighter-bombers, helicopter gunships and fierce artillery barrages, repulsed an attack by two divisions of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Revolutionary Guards in heavy fighting near the southern city of Basra.

Baghdad's official news agency, monitored in Nicosia, also announced that Iraqi warplanes attacked a "large naval target," which usually means a tanker carrying Iranian oil, in the northern reaches of the Gulf yesterday, "scoring an accurate and effective hit."

The fighting in the northern and southern sectors of the 1,180km. battlefield heightened speculation that the Iranians were intensifying

pressure on the Iraqis to stretch their defences.

Teheran's leaders have been warning for some time that they planned a major blow before the end of the Persian year March 21.

Western military analysts said they expect further Iranian assaults all along the battlefield in the coming weeks.

The Iranian strategy appears to be to keep the Iraqis off balance by stabbing at several sectors at once in the hope of finding a hole in the formidable Iraqi defence system through which to exploit their overwhelming numerical superiority.

Western analysts doubt that the Iranians, despite recent injections of new hardware, have the firepower to match the Iraqis or make any sizeable breakthrough.

The Iraqi agency reported that Saddam Hussein met with Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council and leaders of the ruling Ba'ath Party Friday night "to study the situation at the warfronts." It gave

no other details.

Teheran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, also monitored in Nicosia, said Iranian forces who pushed westwards into the craggy Haj Omran sector Tuesday, have repulsed six major Iraqi counterattacks with heavy losses. The Iranians claim they have seized some 50 sq. km. since Tuesday.

Haj Omran, where both sides have seized and lost strategic heights in three years of see-saw fighting, is about 150km. north-east of Iraq's key Kirkuk oilfields.

The rival claims could not be independently confirmed. Both sides rarely allow correspondents or other observers into the battle zones.

But Teheran's War Information Headquarters invited foreign journalists to apply for visas so they could see the "recent victories of Iran's Muslim combatants in the battlefronts" for themselves.

A few hundred years later...

Portuguese Inquisition investigated

LISBON (AP). — A group of international scholars has started a symposium series on the Portuguese Inquisition, a subject virtually taboo in Portugal since the era of religious intolerance ended 166 years ago.

The first Portuguese-Brazilian Congress on the Inquisition, which convened from February 17-20 in Lisbon, focused on the methods of the Portuguese Inquisition and its cultural impact in Portugal, Spain and Brazil, a Portuguese colony at the time. In May, the group will hold its second session in Brazil.

Topics of papers presented at the symposium included Execution and Torture Methods, Censorship, Church-State Cooperation and the Economics of Religious Persecution.

The papers indicated that some groups singled out for persecution — Jews, women and homosexuals — are still frequently subject to discrimination.

"The errors of the past are more present now than they may appear to be," Portuguese President Mario Soares said in a message read to open the symposium.

"We must remember the evils of the past to avoid repeating them," he told the 160 delegates from the U.S., South America, Europe and the Middle East.

The inquisition, a Roman Catholic judicial institution created to combat heresy, was implemented in Portugal in 1536, more than 50 years

after the start of the Spanish Inquisition. Its primary purpose was to rid the country of Jews who fled there after Spain expelled them in 1492.

"This subject has been taboo here in Portugal," historian Maria Helena Carvalho dos Santos said. "This is the first time such a public discussion has taken place since the inquisition was formally ended in 1821."

Many consider the Roman Catholic Church's prominence in Portugal as a reason for the lack of public discussion on the subject there.

A major exhibition on the inquisition, held in neighbouring Spain in 1981, apparently helped make possible public discussions of the era and the Church's role in torture, murders and persecution.

The persecution of women, who were often singled out as heretics or witches in the Portuguese Inquisition, was a major topic. One paper said the policy, while apparently religious, also served as a social tool to suppress women.

Historian Anita Novinsky of Brazil's Sao Paulo University, co-organizer of the symposium with Carvalho dos Santos of Lisbon's New University, said nearly half the Brazilians jailed during the Portuguese Inquisition were women.

A study by Luiz Mott of Brazil's Federal University in Bahia said more than 1,000 cases of alleged homosexual behaviour came before ecclesiastical courts during the Portuguese Inquisition.

Sikhs' temple raided

AMRITSAR (AP). — Police and government security men arrested about 12 Sikhs in the Golden Temple complex yesterday following reports of a shooting of plainclothes police inside the Sikh holy shrine.

About 100 police and security forces were seen entering the temple complex. They were searching rooms on the Parkrama, the area around the holy pool in which the

Golden Temple sits, witnesses said. The rare occasions when police or security forces have gone into the 17th century shrine have triggered violence or political turmoil in troubled Punjab state.

Witnesses at the temple said one plainclothes policeman was shot and wounded when he tried to look into a room where Sikh youths were meeting.

PAYCLAIM. — Uniformed secret services guards who protect the White House and other key government buildings here are threatening to demonstrate outside the White House Tuesday to press for a 25 per cent pay claim, saying they were underpaid compared to most of the 20 other police corps in Washington.

THE ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Musical Director: Yoram Talmi
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THE YOUNG ISRAEL CENTER
Torah Education
Charles & Minnie Batt Memorial Lectures
Today, March 8 at 8 p.m.
LECTURER:
Rabbi Sholem Kowalsky, Rav, Migdal Hashoshanim, Birkat Avraham, Jerusalem
SUBJECT:
Hester Parim in Megillat Esther
Eliash Hall, Yeshurun Synagogue
27 Shmuel Hanagid Street (corner King George), Jerusalem, Tel. 02-231361/2

Zionist Confederation House
Emile Berta St., Yemin Moshe, (behind King David Hotel), Jerusalem
Tuesday, 10.3.87 at 8:00 p.m.
"Baal Zion at Mount Zion" Series
"Three Faces of Purim"
Interviews in ENGLISH with:
Phyllis Glazer — The Vegetarian School
Prof. Yacov Ro'i — Stalin and the Extinction of Jewish Culture
Yossi Stern — The Book of Esther
Moderator — Anara Rapoport
Admission: NIS 8
tel. 02-151214

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Music Director: Zubin Mehta

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 6
GIUSEPPE SINOPOLI conductor
WALTER MEIER mezzo-soprano
JON VICKERS tenor
Programme of works by: Schubert and Mahler
HAIFA, Haifa Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.
Series A: Tuesday, 10.3.87
Series B: Wednesday, 11.3.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 7
GIUSEPPE SINOPOLI conductor
WALTER MEIER mezzo-soprano
JON VICKERS tenor
Programme of works by: Schubert and Mahler
TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.
Series D: Thursday, 12.3.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 8
GIUSEPPE SINOPOLI conductor
WALTER MEIER mezzo-soprano
JON VICKERS tenor
Programme of works by: Schubert and Mahler
TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.
Series E: Saturday, 14.3.87

SPECIAL CONCERT
on the occasion of HADASSA'S 75th anniversary
MENDI RODAN conductor
IDA HAENDL violinist
Programme of works by: P. Ben-Haim, Brahms and Beethoven
JERUSALEM, Binyamin Ha'uma Sunday, 15.3.87, 9 p.m.

LIGHT CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT No. 4
DOV SELTZER conductor
YEHOAM GA'ON singer
GILA ALMAGOR narrator
RINAT NATIONAL CHOIR directed by Stanley Sperber
Programme:
Dov Seltzer: Selection from his works
TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium Wednesday, 18.3.87, 8.30 p.m.
Entrance to this concert only against ticket for Concert No. 4 in the Light Classical Music Series

SPECIAL CONCERT
in the framework of "Young Artists' Week"
ZEEV DORMAN conductor
SHALEV ADEL harpsichord player
ETAN GLOBERSON pianist
Programme:
Bach: Concerto for harpsichord
Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No. 3
Dvorak: Symphony No. 8
TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, Saturday, 21.3.87, 8.30 p.m.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF PATRONS' CIRCLE AND TO SUBSCRIBERS
holding unused tickets
THE GENERAL REHEARSAL scheduled for March 10, 1987 has been cancelled due to a performance of the Vienna Ballet in Mann Auditorium.
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Abu Tor vandals raise questions about the nature of coexistence

By ANDY COURT

In most neighbourhoods of the world, a rash of slashed tyres would enrage car owners, and that's about all. But in Abu Tor, where Arab youths were arrested last week for puncturing their Jewish neighbours' tyres, even the most mundane vandalism wears a fabric of trust more easily torn than woven.

"I was on my way to the kindergarten the other day to pick up my kid, and I passed a group of Arab boys," said Shelley Einis, whose tyres were punctured twice last week. "I thought, 'They could be the ones who tore up my tyres.' On the way back, I passed some others, and I thought, 'Any of them could do it again as soon as I walk away.'"

In Abu Tor, Jewish-Arab coexistence is an everyday fact rather than some academic concept. And even those residents who do not share Einis' strong suspicions are aware of the socio-economic barriers that have remained long after the Israel-Jordan border fence came down in 1967.

"When I sit on my terrace eating, I can look across at my neighbours, and it might be Ramadan for them," said Shoshana Benvenisti, who lives with her husband Meron on the interface of the Jewish and Arab sections of the neighbourhood. "And on Yom Hazikaron, when the sirens go off and I stand erect and silent, they're there having their shishlik."

The police last week arrested seven Arab teenagers, some of whom reportedly confessed to puncturing the tyres — apparently for nationalistic reasons, according to police spokesman Rafi Levy. But last week's events are only the latest in a series of incidents that have plagued Abu Tor.

The vandalism renews the question of what kind of coexistence is possible and desirable here: a "passive" one in which neither side punctures the others' tyres or does any other kind of damage; or a more "active" one in which there is a greater degree of cooperation and

interaction.

Residents today give varying reports of relations here. Some say that, aside from using the same roads and the same grocery store, they have almost no interaction at all. Others report more friendly ties between their families and the families next door, and mention activities at the Beit Nehemia community centre which was once an Arab school. Today it carries the name of an IDF commando who died in the 1967 war, and is used by both Jews and Arabs.

Some residents would prefer it if Arab youths did not use the centre. They say they are fed up with the noise and other disturbances caused by the flow of youths into the area.

"There are times when all you can hear inside the house is Arabic coming from the streets and from the playground," said one.

But others believe that only through interaction and some degree of mutual understanding can relations between Jews and Arabs improve to the point where vandalism does not bring latent suspicions and stereotypes to the surface.

Beit Nehemia's new director, Meir Margalit, is working to develop cooperative activities in a gradual and organized way.

"There are those who would prefer to see coexistence in some other neighbourhood," Margalit said. "But we want Abu Tor to become a message of what can be done together."

It won't be easy. Idris Amad, a 21-year-old Arab student, said that he had no problem playing basketball with his Jewish peers. But how, he asked, was he supposed to react when one Jewish player, wishing to chew out another Jewish player for making a mistake, turned and called the Jew an "Arab."

"The puncturing of those tyres was an attempt by people who really want to puncture the larger vehicle of coexistence," said Adnan Kabaha, the Arab activities' coordinator at Beit Nehemia. "I just hope that they don't succeed."

Move to strip Kahane of Knesset privileges

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent
Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein, the Shinui party leader, has launched a campaign to hamstring Meir Kahane, the representative of the one-man Kach faction, in his parliamentary activities.

Rubinstein wrote Knesset Speaker Shimo Hillel on Friday asking him to strip Kahane of all his parliamentary privileges including attendance in the plenum and committees, salary, and immunity, on the grounds

that he did not declare his allegiance to the Knesset and the State of Israel following his election in 1984.

Rubinstein noted that under the Basic Law: Knesset, paragraph 16, Kahane had no right to any parliamentary privileges, since he had not pronounced the statutory declaration.

In an American court of law last year, Rubinstein noted, Kahane had kept his U.S. citizenship on the argument that he had not declared allegiance to a foreign parliament.



Spanish shoemaker Antonio Alonso holds the oversize shoe he has made to be registered in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest shoe. Made of real leather and cowhide, the shoe is 1.3m. long and weighs 75 kg. (Reuters)

\$1m. 'travel tax' for tycoon's daughter

By BERNARD JOSEPHS

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A tycoon's daughter, whose husband is suspected of defrauding her father, is to appeal against a court order banning her from leaving the country unless she posts a \$1 million surety. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

"Whatever the police may think, she does not have the money," said a source close to Esther Zuchovitzky, whose father is international business tycoon Shaul Eisenberg. The unprecedented surety was set by Judge Esther Kovo of the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court on Tuesday when Zuchovitzky, 40, applied for permission to visit her husband, Yohanan in the U.S.

He was a friend and business partner of Michael Albin, who committed suicide two years ago after being arrested on suspicion of fraud and theft. Until mid-1984, the two men were senior figures in Eisenberg's Israeli concerns. Police have investigated suspicions that Yohanan Zuchovitzky and others had channelled business funds into private accounts.

Esther Zuchovitzky herself is suspected of holding an unauthorized overseas account containing \$3m., some of it allegedly stolen from her father.

Police — who demanded a \$2m. surety — told the court that Zuchovitzky had a Swiss bank account containing 1.8 million Swiss francs, owned a foreign investment company worth \$1.2m., and property in Austria valued at \$700,000.

The source said Zuchovitzky will appeal against the surety because she simply does not have the money. "She has no account in Switzerland and the property she owns in Austria is three apartments, together worth about \$120,000. These were bought in payments made over a period of time."

Zuchovitzky had been questioned for more than a year by police and no charges had been brought against her, said the source.

"The reason they don't want her to go to the U.S. is in order to put pressure on her husband who has been working there since 1984," he added.

The look in her eye

Tel Aviv Tel Aviv
Robert Rosenberg

Contestant Number 18 had that look in her eye. She looked at you and you knew that she knew that you knew that she knew. Even from nine rows away from centre-stage where she was one of the 20 girls vying for the title of Miss Israel.

She looked at you and you knew what she was thinking — about how ridiculous it was to have all the girls in those silly matching polka-dot outfits and then in those fashionable name-brand matching bathing suits; and how embarrassing it was to see 20 girls in identical, supposedly sexy, evening gowns.

She looked out at you, all 15,000 of you who came to the beauty pageant last week to watch 20 girls parade around in those costumes while a TV personality made bad jokes full of innuendoes, and pop stars sang to playbacks of their own music, and a wedding band played songs from movies like *The Sound of Music* and *My Fair Lady*, and even the disco music's beat was more like an annoying hammering instead of a measure of potential intimacy.

No matter what happened — whether she won or lost or came in second or third, whether she ended up a princess instead of the queen, whether she was voted most congenial (unlikely, considering the look in her eye) or most intelligent (very possible, considering that same look, and considering that, at such affairs, intelligence is hardly a requirement) — she was there.

She was there on that ridiculous chessboard stage under white spotlights that made all the long legs look pale and cold, to get out of her tacky little neighbourhood in that tacky little town a half-hour drive and a lifetime away from The City, from her dreams.

She went into it knowing that taking part in the pageant wouldn't be her dream. It would be an unfortunate but necessary step to her dream. And she'd do anything, you could see that in her eyes, to realize that dream.

All she wanted was to catch somebody's eye. Maybe a photographer, or a designer, maybe a director or an ad agency executive or a columnist, somebody, anybody who would see her and know from that look that she knew this night was only a waystation, that she was made for better things, for a smarter life. Because she was smart, and around her in that tacky little town nothing was smart.

She had been quiet, in the dressing rooms and the rehearsals, at the promotion shoots and in the endless meetings where the people from the magazine that sponsored the affair spoke to them as if they were still children.

She had listened and felt out of place, but some dreams were like that: not quite nightmares but nonetheless strange, where the familiar takes on a different colour or a voice seems disconnected from the speaker.

She really didn't have any illusions about winning. She wouldn't say so only because that's what beauty pageant girls are supposed to say. She'd say she didn't have illusions because even though she had the look of someone who knew that you knew that she knew, the winner could not have that look.

Harish sets sights on leader of rebel dayanim

By HAIM SHAPIRO

The attorney-general apparently intends to crack down on the initiator of a petition by dayanim against a decision of the High Court of Justice, while going easy on the other petitioners.

This emerged last week from a meeting between Attorney-General Yosef Harish and Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer. The two discussed the fate of the 18 rabbis who had called upon the Interior Ministry not to register Shoshana Miller, a Reform convert to Judaism, as a Jew, despite the High Court ruling to the contrary.

In a petition to the High Court, MK Yair Tsaaban (Mapam) has asked why Hammer has not instituted disciplinary proceedings against the dayanim.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that Hammer has undertaken to try to persuade the two chief rabbis to convene a meeting of the dayanim who signed the petition. Hammer will try to ensure that, following the meeting, the rabbis issue a proclamation expressing their regret about the petition.

Both Hammer and Harish apparently believe that prosecution or disciplinary action would, in the words of one "Religious Affairs Ministry source," work against a conflict between the judiciary and the rabbinical courts. But Harish made it clear that the High Court would certainly not be satisfied with the conciliatory letter that Hammer sent to the signatories.

This was evidently one of the factors that influenced them to differentiate between the ordinary signers and Rabbi Gedalya Axelrod, the alleged initiator of the petition and a member of the Haima Rabbinical Court.

Last week Axelrod claimed that he had received the prior approval of the Chief Rabbi for the petition, a claim which the Chief Rabbi has denied.

As Tsaaban's petition does not mention the other 34 rabbis serving in official positions who signed the petition, no further action has been contemplated against them.

Meditators may sue

TEL AVIV. — The Israel chapter of the International Transcendental Meditation Society threatens to go to the High Court of Justice if Education Minister Yitzhak Navon does not stop distribution of the *Glazer Commission* report on cults and does not have the chapter on transcendental meditation rewritten.

After sending a letter to this effect to the minister, attorney Dahlia Barkol told *The Jerusalem Post* that the commission ignored over 200 research studies citing positive effects of meditation but quoted the seven to 10 studies showing negative results. Testimony was given, from a few people who had negative things to say about meditation, without any mention that 40,000 people have learned the technique and most are satisfied, she said.

"The general conclusions refer to economic and criminal offenses but the chapter on us mentions no such thing. Anyone reading only the conclusions could think we are being accused of such illegalities," Barkol said.

Students demand debate on university tuition

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The National Students Association has sent telegrams to the premier, vice-premier and ministers of finance and education demanding that university tuition be discussed at today's cabinet meeting.

Technion students held a two-hour protest strike on Thursday against the universities' reported intention to raise tuition to \$2,000-\$3,000 a year

and to as much as \$4,000 a year in fields like medicine or law, where students can expect high earnings after graduation.

The ministerial committee headed by Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, which will set tuition, has said it will decide by the end of the month.

Meanwhile, students are planning a series of protests to try to influence that decision. A one-day strike is to be held at the Hebrew Uni-

versity tomorrow. On Tuesday, there will be a demonstration at Tel Aviv University at noon, to which students from all the universities have been invited.

Students at universities outside Tel Aviv will strike all day Tuesday. At Bar Ilan, they will not attend classes after 1 a.m. On Wednesday, there will be a strike and demonstration at Hebrew University but classes at the other institutions of higher learning will be attended as scheduled.

Warshawsky appeals detention

Michael Warshawsky, head of the Jerusalem-based Alternative Information Centre, closed by police last month, appealed to the Supreme Court on Friday against the decision to detain him until the end of his trial.

Last Thursday the Jerusalem District Court ordered Warshawsky, 46, held until the end of legal proceedings against him, citing the gravity of the charges, the security risk and the scope of his alleged activities.

Warshawsky was arrested after police said his centre was distributing propaganda for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist organization led by George Habash.

Refusal to pay wins free brit

ASHKELON (Itim). — A man who threatened not to have his son circumcised won him a free *brit mila*. Mordechai Azran, 35, a lifeguard at the municipal swimming pool here, was told he would have to pay between \$100 and \$200 for the circumcision of his third son.

Azran told the town's chief rabbi that, if that were the case, he would not have his son circumcised, upon which the chief rabbi organized a free *brit mila*.

ALCOHOL. — Australian scientists believe they have proof that heavy drinking shrinks the brain, the British *Medical Journal* has reported. It said the brain of alcoholics weighed on average more than 100 grams less than the 1,420 average of teetotalers.

Performance that worked

THE Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — Yuri Ahronovitch, conductor, with Mikhael Shirai, soprano, (Jerusalem, Henry Crown Hall, March 4). Berg: Seven Early Songs; Bruckner: Symphony No. 4 in E flat major (Rosenzweig).

CONVENTIONAL wisdom has long held that the JSO is a sum lesser than its constituent parts, or conversely that its musicians sound better individually than they do collectively. Why this should be is a matter of conjecture, but every so often lightning strikes in the form of a brilliant performance, and to the good fortune of those present, it happened again at this concert.

The Berg songs sounded wonderful: soloist Shirai was in excellent form, compressing a torrent of emotion and understanding into a finely tempered, vocally impressive interpretation. Only a slight hollowiness

in a few of her high notes detracted from an overall richness of tone.

The Bruckner was magnificent, this praise coming from one with little tolerance generally for such expansive musical outpouring. Ahronovitch knew exactly where each note, each phrase was coming from, where it led, and how it fit into the total picture: his mastery of the score spurred and inspired the JSO to achieve a superlative performance. The result was absolutely convincing in all respects, technical and interpretational alike.

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Development concern set up

Ashkelon in bid for industry

By KEN SCHACHTER
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — Ashkelon Mayor Eli Dayan has announced the creation of a unique quasi-governmental development company designed to foster the city's economic growth.

The Economic Company of Ashkelon, approved by the Interior Ministry after a six-year application process, immediately was endowed with 600 dunams of city land worth an estimated \$30 million.

"This is the first time a town has transferred all its lands to a new company to solve the problems of the town, to create an economic base and to solve the problem of unemployment, and develop tourism and industry," Dayan said.

In a further bid to enhance the economic climate, Dayan said the city has decided to exempt new business investment from municipal taxes for five years. Covered under the exemption will be new projects, such as factories and hotels, as well as expansions of existing facilities.

The city's aggressive courtship of business and investment already has started to pay dividends, Dayan said.

Two companies, Floran Ltd. and Orgon Ltd., have made firm plans to locate facilities in Ashkelon. Orgon, a Bat Yam company, makes slats for venetian blinds and has yearly sales of about \$4.3m. Tel Aviv-based Floran manufactures beauty and cosmetic products.

Several major projects to be overseen by the Economic Company of Ashkelon already are in the works:

- A \$15m. marina. Currently Tel

Aviv and Eilat are the only Israeli cities with marinas, but Caesarea and Herzliya have them in the planning stage.

- A \$5m. tourism centre. The two-storey structure will include 40 tourist apartments, Dayan said. The Economic Company of Ashkelon is offering to guarantee loans on the project and provide other assistance.

- A \$3m. promenade along the beach.

On another front, Dayan has been seeking to win development area A status for Ashkelon's 2,000-dunam industrial park, which remains 90 per cent vacant despite the government's \$25m. investment in the park's infrastructure.

Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi gave his assurance that he would press the measure, Dayan said, but



Eli Dayan

thus far approval has not been forthcoming. The request for status is unusual in that it generally is granted only to entire development towns. The only exception to that was the recent granting of B status to a petrochemical joint venture between Israel Petrochemicals and Oil Refineries Ltd. in Haifa.

Ashkelon put in its request before the joint venture Dayan said, and he denounced what, in his view, are the government's misplaced priorities.

"I don't know how many workers will work in Haifa after this decision," he said, "but I know hundreds will not emigrate" from Ashkelon if A status were granted.

Dayan said he would be chairman of the new development company. Under the charter, the mayor will name five directors and the city council five others.

"We want the city's policy to be implemented," Dayan said, "but we want professional people to be on the board and to use their experience in investment."

The company, Dayan said, will offer incentives to foreign investors in the form of loans, securities or joint ventures. He said current projects involve about 100 dunams of the 600-dunam bequest. As the land becomes depleted, Dayan said, the city hopes to involve the National Authority of Properties and Land, which holds 2,400 dunams of property in Ashkelon.

"We hope to find some kind of arrangement with them so that they'll be part of the company," he said. "We hope they'll donate some land."

EXECUTIVE CHANGES

Two promoted at central bank

At the Bank of Israel, two new appointments were announced on Friday. FREDDY WIEDER, formerly controller of foreign exchange, will replace YISRAEL IGRA as director of the Foreign Exchange Department. Replacing Wieder will be ODED HEZRONI, currently director of the credit control department.

Igra is resigning his post.

Additionally, the bank said, VICTOR MEDINA, head of the Monetary Department, would oversee the Foreign Exchange Control Department as well as Credit Control, while MORDECHAI FRENKEL will continue to take responsibility for the Foreign Exchange Department.

MICHAEL ORON, 39, was named manager of Elite Ltd.'s distribution network, while MICHAEL

CARMELI, 56, was appointed exports manager.

Oron, a graduate of Tel Aviv University, was general manager of Sugat Ltd., a processor of rice and other foods, before coming to Elite. Before that he was Sugat's marketing manager. Carmeli, also a Tel Aviv University graduate, was in the IDF prior to his Elite appointment five years ago. He had been assistant exports manager until now.

JULIAN B. VENEZKY, an important figure in the American Jewish community and active in Israel's economic development, has been named chairman of Israel Bonds. A lawyer by profession, he was one of the founders of the "bonds organization" in 1950. He has served as United Jewish Appeal chairman and as a member of the board of the Friends of Hebrew University.

Oil prices surge on quota news

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Oil prices jumped above \$18 a barrel in New York Friday, and analysts predicted even higher levels as reports proliferated that Opec had cut output substantially below its self-imposed quota of 15.8 million barrel per day.

Futures contracts for the benchmark crude West Texas intermediate, for delivery in April surged as much as 43 cents a barrel to \$18.18 before profit-taking from day trading speculators sent the contract back to \$18.04.

West Texas gained about \$1.50 last week. The widely-traded North Sea Brent grade climbed as high as \$17.60 a barrel in New York Friday, also a gain of \$1.50 for the week.

"Opec is keeping its production down and there is a growing tightness of short-haul crudes available on the spot market, which could send prices 50 cents to \$1 over their current levels," said Daniel McKinley, oil analyst at Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co.

Friday's return to an \$18-a-barrel price tag — the target level set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries at its Geneva meeting in December — marks the first time crude oil has traded this high since early February.

In the month following the December Opec meeting, prices jumped \$3 to \$4 a barrel to as high as \$19.50 on optimism that the cartel would indeed remain true to its agreement to curb output by 7.25 per cent and insist on a fix-price contract system.

But traders' optimism soon changed to cynicism as reports that certain countries were exceeding their quotas began to filter through, sending prices as low as \$16 a barrel two weeks ago.

Last week's rally followed a Reuters survey of traders and industry executives that suggested Opec's output had in fact fallen below 15 million barrels daily.

In a telephone interview Thursday in London, Opec President Riwaye Lukman said the cartel was producing "well below" its 15.8 million barrels daily ceiling.

But traders remain nervous, and there are still sceptics among oil industry leaders. Traders said the market was jittery and little volume was traded, as Opec has rarely kept within self-imposed output limits for long in the past.

"The market is very nervous at these levels and waiting for confirmation of the trend," said a London-based broker.

MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY/ Kate Dourian

Awaiting Egypt's turnaround

Foreign bankers in Cairo are hoping an economic reform programme backed by the International Monetary Fund will justify their decision to stay on in Egypt after two years of economic decline.

The Middle East recession, and Cairo's bid to restrict imports and conserve foreign exchange hit business hard. But bankers believe the lean spell could be coming to an end.

"The worst is over," one foreign banker says. "Last year was the worst mainly because people stopped paying and there was basic uncertainty."

Adds another: "The trend is to cut back, but most foreign banks feel that Egypt is important and if they can cover expenses and make some profit then it's worth staying."

About 40 commercial banks operate in Egypt. Most are branches of foreign banks, 11 are joint-ventures and four are wholly state-owned Egyptian banks. A few of the foreign banks have shut up shop and at least one U.S. joint-venture partner is considering pulling out.

But a draft accord last month with the IMF on a package of economic reforms and the prospect of rescheduling some of Egypt's \$38.6 billion of debt later this year has improved sentiment.

"The major indicators are looking

better," says Alex Jablonowski, director and joint manager of the joint venture Banque du Caire Barclays International. "The deal with the IMF is good, rescheduling is guaranteed, the price of oil is stable and tourism is booming. It is early days yet, but it looks better now than it did 12 months ago."

Of the foreign banks, only Midland Bank and the Royal Bank of Canada pulled out of Cairo, both closing representative offices last year. Lloyds Bank has cut back operations, closing one office in Cairo and about to shut another in Alexandria. But it has kept its headquarters in Cairo.

There are also signs of retrenchment among the joint ventures. A spokesman for Chase Manhattan Bank in New York says it is seeking a buyer for its 49 per cent stake in a venture with National Bank of Egypt. "We are prepared to sell our interest," he says.

Expatriate bankers say one major obstacle to business is a government regulation preventing foreign branches dealing in the local currency, the Egyptian pound. This has effectively stopped foreign banks financing domestic investment in one of the largest markets in the Middle East.

As a result of the weakening

Egyptian economy and a slide in the pound's value against the U.S. dollar, foreign banks have found it increasingly difficult to find clients with foreign exchange to service foreign currency loans. "We can only hang our hat on people who guarantee foreign exchange," says the manager of one foreign bank branch.

Branches of foreign banks have long campaigned for an end to the ban on dealing in local currency. Some bankers hope reform of Egypt's currency and interest rate system under the IMF may include the issue, but so far they say they have detected no change in government attitude.

Bankers also hope trade financing will recover. They estimate volume has slipped 30 to 35 per cent from 1984 levels. But it is Egypt's strategic importance in the Middle East and inflows of Western aid that have convinced many foreign bankers that the troubled economy will not be allowed to go under.

One positive sign has been the return of Arab investors to Egypt as a result of improved relations between Cairo and Gulf Arab states.

While new investment is so far small, it has begun to reflect positively on the banking market.

(Reuters)

Congressional panel concerned about economy

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. economy has been growing on borrowed money for the past five years, and is now in a precarious position, the Congressional Joint Economic Committee said Thursday.

"It is possible that our policy apparatus will be able to sustain a sluggish rate of overall economic growth," the committee said in its annual report. "But the traditional tools of macro-economic policy are not now capable of contributing to a strong surge in economic growth, nor do they appear adequate to the task of moderating any future recession."

Opposition Democratic Senator Paul Sarbanes, the committee chairman, said the report "shows that the economy is skating on thin ice."

The Democratic-controlled committee said the Reagan administration's economic forecast, which foresees increasing U.S. economic vitality, is too optimistic and does not pay enough heed to warning signs.

U.S. to provide Egypt with \$115m. in aid

WASHINGTON (APF). — The U.S. has announced that it is immediately providing \$115 million in economic aid to Egypt.

A statement from the State Department Friday said the aid, part of \$815m. allocated to Egypt for the current fiscal year, "re-

flects our commitment to a partnership with the Egyptian government to promote Egypt's economic growth and development" and "for the Egyptian reforms" being carried out by the government of President Hosni Mubarak.

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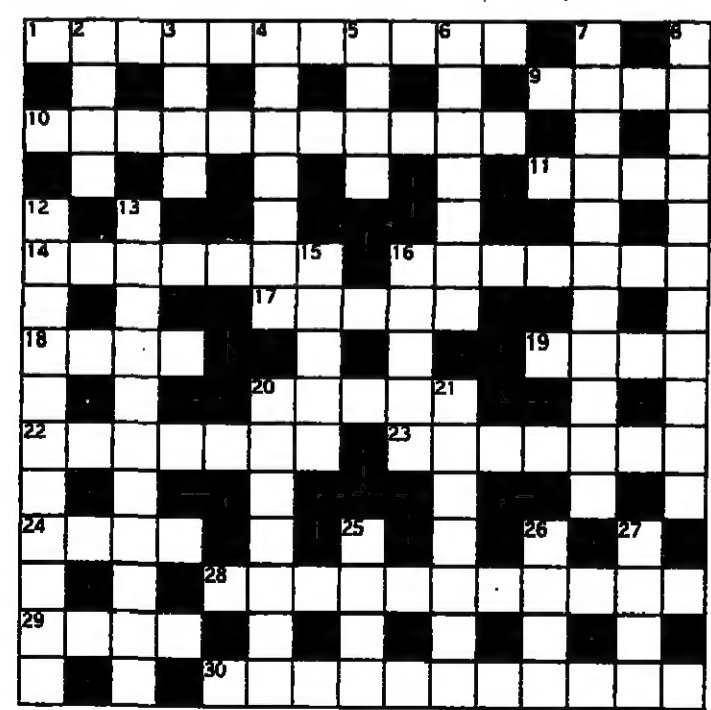
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STATE CUP SOCCER

Taibe's ground floweth over

By PAUL KOHN

The Arab township of Taibe went soccer mad yesterday as Third Division Hapoel Taibe held First Division Maccabi Jaffa to a 1-1 draw in the 8th round of the State Cup.

More than 5,000 fans packed into the tiny ground to cheer their team on against the potentially stronger National League club. Many of the spectators crowding the sidelines saw only the parts of the game not blocked from view by those standing in front of them, as the ground has no real stands.

Thanks to the draw, the two clubs will replay in Jaffa on Tuesday, leaving Hapoel Taibe with the honor of being the only Third Division club remaining in the State Cup competition after this weekend's full slate of games.

Zohar Zohabi gave Taibe the lead in the 11th minute with a stoppage-time goal. The big crowd roared quiet minutes later, however, when Shimon Alonim scored a penalty for home goalkeeper Matznan Shimon to score from close range and level for Maccabi Jaffa.

Elder team could have won this game as it flowed from end to end, but Taibe fans last night picked goalkeeper Shimon as their hero of the day as he kept his goal intact despite heavy late pressure.

Three second division clubs - Hapoel Hadera, Hapoel Holon and Hapoel Tiberias - beat National League teams to assure themselves places in the 9th round, to be played on March 17. Three other Second Division teams - Hapoel Jerusalem, Hakoah Ramat Gan and Betar Ramle - held National League teams to draws after 120 minutes of football, and will replay on Tuesday.

Oded Machness scored two of the goals for his new team, Hapoel Hadera, in their 4-2 win over Hapoel Lod on Friday.

At halftime, Hadera led 2-0 with goals by Machness and Ronen Shapira. Lod goalkeeper Ya'acov Ben-David did his best in the second half, but Hadera scored two more goals in the 70th minute.

In extra time, the home team pulled ahead with goals by Shimon Golan and Machness.

Hapoel Hadera's Marko Ben Baruch scored two goals in his team's 2-1 win over Maccabi Yotvata on Friday.

It might have been an even closer triumph for the Second Division leaders had Freddie Lauer not scored a penalty for Ya'acov Ben-David in the 5th minute. Ben Baruch made up for that with two first-half goals. Mark Ben Baruch scored one back for the home team, but the Hadera win was fully deserved.

Ofer Dan, twin brother of stopper Eyal Dan, shot Hapoel Tiberias' winner over Hapoel



ROOM AT THE TOP. - Hapoel Taibe's Zohar Zohabi, who scored his club's goal in a 1-1 draw against Maccabi Jaffa, is shown here going up for a header against the backdrop of Taibe's overflow crowd. Most of the 5,000 fans crowded the sidelines, standing on makeshift benches, but the more resourceful scaled the ground's wall for a better view. (H. Guttmann)

Beset by a 4-0 win over Fourth Division Hapoel Beer

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Hap. Hadera	(24) Hap. Lod	(2) (after extra time)
Maccabi Haifa	3 Hap. Beit Shean	0
Betar Nahariya	0 Shimshon	0
Betar Tel Aviv	3 Mac. Sha'arayim	1
Betar Jerusalem	2 Betar Haifa	0
Hap. Tiberias	1 Hap. Beersheba	0
Hap. Tel Aviv	2 Hap. Ramat Hasharon	0
Hap. Ra'anana	(10) Bnei Yehuda	(1) (after extra time)
Mac. Yavne	1 Hap. Holon	2
Hap. Marmorek	0 Mac. Petah Tikva	1
Mac. Netanya	2 Hap. Acre	1
Betar Ramle	(1) Mac. Tel Aviv	(1) (after extra time)
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The fall-out

THE REPERCUSSIONS of the Pollard affair are reverberating with increased intensity both in Washington and in Jerusalem, as accusing fingers are pointed at Israel's government from all sides.

It should be obvious now to the government—and particularly to Prime Minister Shamir, Foreign Minister Peres and Defence Minister Rabin—that their hair-splitting argument maintaining that the political echelon was totally unaware of what they termed a "rogue operation" will no longer suffice to contain the damage and mounting criticism at home and in the U.S.

The most severe sentences imposed on Jonathan Jay Pollard and his wife Ann and the awareness of the extent of their espionage activity for Israel which emerged from their trial have unleashed an unprecedented wave of criticism by American politicians, American Jewish leaders and now also by Israeli politicians from all quarters at the way the government handled—or rather mishandled—the Pollard affair.

The only way by which the government can stem the tide and contain the fall-out of the most grievous blunder in the long-standing history of Israel-U.S. relations is to adopt a courageous decision, appointing a judicial commission of inquiry and bring to justice those responsible for the affair.

Only such an inquiry which will be held *in camera* can clear the political echelon and sustain the argument that a small, unauthorized intelligence unit ran wild and succeeded in obtaining the approval of the chief of general staff for the involvement of a senior air force officer in this clandestine operation—without the knowledge of two successive defence ministers.

Prime Minister Shamir has already gone on record describing demands for a judicial inquiry as "ridiculous." He and his colleagues should learn the lesson from previously failed attempts to resist judicial inquiries which were then forced on the government. This was the case of the Kahan commission of inquiry in the wake of the 1982 Sabra and Shatilla massacre and more recently of the Bejski commission that investigated the 1983 bank shares disaster.

A veteran former head of Israel's intelligence community, Isser Harel, yesterday described the Pollard affair as the most serious blunder in the annals of Israel's intelligence operation. In his view, even the most vital intelligence information which the Pollard operation might have provided did not justify such a serious breach of confidence against Israel's most loyal and powerful ally—the United States.

He put the responsibility squarely at the feet of the political echelon which allowed a surreptitious intelligence operation to go on without being checked in time. If there was ever justified reason to appoint a judicial inquiry commission—this was the case, he held.

Apart from clearing the air over the unfortunate Pollard affair, such a judicial inquiry would be able to establish new norms for the chain of command and responsibility in intelligence operations and would reaffirm the need for total separation between espionage and military intelligence. Moreover, the terms of reference of an inquiry commission into the Pollard case should also include a much needed outline and set of recommendations for the government's decision-making process.

Some 26 years ago the question of "who gave the order" in what became known as the Lavon affair rocked Israel's political establishment because it rested on David Ben-Gurion's demand for a judicial inquiry. A much more mature nation should now be able to learn the lessons of its history and not be intimidated by the short-sighted political interests of the two major coalition parties.

INQUIRY

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gators. Eitan was last year appointed chairman of Israel Chemicals, the largest government-owned corporation in the country.

Harel said in Friday's radio interview that the bureau was "probably" set up in the 1950s or 1960s.

Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi, who also called for an inquiry, yesterday said that if Pollard was recruited at an operational level without the knowledge of the political level, then his controllers should have been brought to account and not been promoted. Moreover, he said, the political echelon should have known of the operation. And if it did know, then it should be responsible.

Questions are likely to be asked by the ministers about Sella's involvement in the operation, including why Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy approved Eitan's request to allow Sella to run Pollard, and whether the approval had then defence minister Moshe Arens a priori or post facto agreement.

Knowledgeable sources in Jerusalem yesterday rejected as highly unlikely the possibility that Shamir, Peres and Rabin would fall out over the affair and said that only such a falling out would facilitate the establishment of a judicial commission of inquiry. They thought it unlikely that the demands for an inquiry would "snowball," as they had in the Shin Bet Affair last year.

The sources suggested that in the current circumstances, it is "very difficult to see" what move or moves Israel could make to mollify or appease Washington in the affair. They rejected the idea of cancelling Sella's appointment and firing Eitan from Israel Chemicals as politically impossible for the ministers concerned.

But the sources acknowledged that Israeli-U.S. relations have been badly affected by the affair and its

spin-offs, and anticipated some hard days ahead. They were careful to point out, however, that so far no concrete expression of this "clouded atmosphere" has been evident—no cancellation of meetings between Israeli officials and no clear threat to American aid to Israel or Israeli programmes.

The sources last night charged that Israeli Ambassador to the UN Binyamin Netanyahu, in his Israel TV interview Friday night, had "clearly gone beyond his authority" in expressing confidence that Israel would do what it could to help Pollard and his wife, Ann Henderson-Pollard.

In the interview, Netanyahu said that Pollard had acted out of Zionist motives and that Israel had benefited from his operations. Therefore, the Israeli government could be expected to do what it could for the Pollards.

The sources said that it wasn't within Netanyahu's authority to say this and implied that Netanyahu's stand was clearly contrary to the Israel Government's, which has consistently been to throw off any responsibility for the operation or for the Pollards.

Peres last week indicated that Israel should not and could not be expected to help the Pollards.

Dvora Getzler adds: The Citizens Rights Movement is to table a motion of no confidence in the government on the Pollard affair later this week. CRM MK Ran Cohen is also expected to ask for the establishment of a government commission of inquiry into the affair and what he termed the government's immoral abandonment of Jonathan and Ann Pollard.

Cohen said over the weekend that he envied Americans their administration, because government officials take responsibility for their actions rather than hide behind the executive arm as Israelis do.

HOW CAN people be as inhuman as the striking hospital maintenance and administrative workers, who refused to feed patients, to turn over those who are in danger of developing pressure sores, to bring bedpans to those who are incapable of controlling their bodily functions, and to keep the hospitals reasonably non-septic?

This is not merely a rhetorical question; it is one which cries out for an answer from striking workers. But before we can expect such a reply, we should try putting ourselves in the shoes of those "heartless" workers. And, they are legitimately demanding a reply to a question of their own.

How can anyone be as inhuman and as cynical as the Minister of Finance, the ministry's official in charge of salaries, and the Histadrut's secretary-general and trade union head, and countenance the starvation wages that are paid to the men and women who are charged with performing those ostensibly lowly functions, but which in reality have a great bearing on questions of life and death?

We have long been accustomed to strikes in which one or two of the strikers appear on television waving their pitifully low payroll bottom lines, only to discover weeks or months later that those bottom lines represent only part of their real incomes.

But the fact of the matter is that the workers at the bottom of the income pile have the least chances of working fiddles under the table—if I may be permitted a disjointed metaphor—for the purpose of surreptitiously increasing their take-home pay. The fact is also that all the better paid professionals in the health field, who should know, are

FOR THOSE who believe that the trial of Adolf Eichmann a generation ago was a sufficient Israeli response to the problem of Nazi war criminals, the public reaction to the trial of John Demjanjuk must be remarkable.

Queues for the public viewing of the trial have been growing each day. Arriving at the Binyanei Ha'uma as much as three hours before the doors are opened are: native-born Israelis, immigrant and Diaspora Jews; knitted-kippa, black-kippa, and no-kippa Jews; Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and none-of-the-above Jews; the old (including many Holocaust survivors), young, and middle-aged; the poor and rich and middle-class; and gentiles. People unable to attend the trial listen attentively to the simultaneous radio broadcasts on buses, in stores, offices, and homes. The minister of finance and the minister of education scramble to provide funds in order to make the courtroom drama available to an ever-widening audience.

No, it is not some ghastly fascination for the macabre, horror-filled details of the Holocaust that interests the masses, as some observers have cynically suggested. Nor is it some perverted sense of vicarious vengeance.

We can overlook the fact that the courtroom is really a movie theatre. We can tolerate the inclement weather and the cheating to get ahead in line as we queue up to enter the trial. What matters is that the trial is taking place—here in Jerusalem.

For all too many years after the Holocaust, the vast majority of those who designed and operated the machinery that brought death to millions of innocents remained safely forgotten. Despite self-righteous pronouncements about bringing Nazi barbarians to justice, most post-World War II "civilized" countries, Israel included, did virtually nothing to back up their words.

As the Demjanjuk trial opened, authoritative reports from London

Struggle for equality

Yosef Goell

agreed that the hospital maintenance workers are woefully underpaid. As are, one should add, many other low-income workers in Israel.

Government and Treasury heads also admit as much, but then rush to add that as much as they are pained by the pittance paid those workers, it would be a cardinal economic sin to approve wage rises which would break the restraints of an economic policy which is intended to save us all from a second wave of hyperinflation.

SOUNDS PERSUASIVE, and so responsible, doesn't it? I buy it, myself, until, my evil scepticism gets the better of me and I start asking myself, why is it that the persuasive and so responsible argument is never trotted out when the incomes of the people at the top are being decided?

Let me try answering that similarly non-rhetorical question. The argument of national economic responsibility is never trotted out in those cases because the level of the top incomes are usually decided by the very people who are slated to receive them, and in an ambience of maximum secrecy. Remember, not only the scandalous levels of Ernest Japhet's salary, perks and pension, but also the spy-movie secrecy enshrouded in the manner of their approval.

Much further on down the line, are the many middle-level labour disputes which are settled by secret arrangement, for fear of other professions and their union representatives getting a whiff of the terms of

those settlements. And then there is the decades-old problem that the Histadrut is primarily concerned with the problems and demands of the better paid professions and workers in its constituent unions.

THE HOSPITAL maintenance workers' strike has ended. But it does not take much prophetic expertise to predict that many more such strikes will break out. They will be a continuing reflection of the personal impact on many low-paid workers of the discrepancy between a national economy that is truly in deep trouble, and a national economic leadership that for the past 13 years has been determined to guarantee a *dolce vita* for those in the top income brackets, and to widen the gap in personal incomes between them and most of Israel's workers, to Grand Canyon magnitude.

The national economy has been in deep trouble since the Yom Kippur War, in whose aftermath the then Labour government decided to pay for its staggering financial cost by induced but controlled inflation, and by a moratorium on investment for further economic growth.

But those years also witnessed the transformation of Israel from one of the most egalitarian societies to one of the most unequal in the industrial world. This could serve to shore up the arguments of those who believe

in very large income discrepancies as a matter of principle, were it not for the fact that the Israeli population is by nature very egalitarian.

We are certainly not egalitarians for traditional ideological, socialist reasons, that have fallen out of fashion. The main reasons are that we are still a relatively new society in which people in all walks of life feel themselves to be relatively equal—there is still hardly any class identity in Israel, and as a people, we refuse to "know our place" in a spurious pecking order that some would foist on us. We are also a small society, in which the levels at which the Cohens live—have I mentioned the tens of thousands of would-be Japhets among us?—are constantly visible to all the rest of us Levys and even plebeian Israelites; and finally, I would like to believe, our egalitarianism stems from ancient Jewish cultural predilections towards equality.

The striking hospital workers reflect all these popular and deeply embedded cultural attitudes. And the strike is a wild, unarticulated protest against political leaders who have lost all their credibility in dealing with such problems with great cunning but with little intelligence or sense of national or social responsibility.

Last week, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim warned the strikers that their strike would win them nothing just as last year's nurses' strike had won them nothing. Which is just what the nurses' leaders have suspected ever since the signing of

the agreement which put an end to their strike whose terms have still not been implemented.

Such cunning methods admittedly save the Treasury X-millions of shekels. They are also what drive workers to braking previously observed taboos. There have been recent reports of a Ministry of Health study which found that mortality in hospitals increased significantly during the four-month long doctors' strike in 1983. There is every reason to suspect that the same was true during last year's nurses' strikes. Those are the high-class models whom the hospital maintenance workers have been emulating when they were driven by the standard run around to feeling that there was no one who was prepared to listen to them.

The current strike provides further evidence that Israel's remarkable success in the fight to stop inflation in 1985, was a one-time fluke; and that our politico-economic leaders stopped with that one-time achievement and have ever since been shying away from the need to consider and implement the deeper and more extensive reforms the economy is so badly in need of. But in order to succeed, such reforms, which are so essential for staving off a second confrontation with economic disaster, must be kept in tune with a broad popular sense of social justice.

That is a task that only a political leadership which establishes and maintains its credibility with the public, can carry out effectively. And such a leadership is nowhere in sight, neither in the government, nor in the Histadrut.

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The civilized trial

Paul Korda

described how the British government had operated a policy of non-pursuit of Nazi war criminals since 1948. After four months of studying a list of 17 suspected Nazi war-criminals living in Britain, supplied by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, the British home secretary admitted that some of those named were still alive and within the realm. He was quick to add, however, that the Crown was legally powerless to either prosecute, extradite, or even deport them. (The Jerusalem Post, February 26.)

The following day, The Post had a report about another list—containing very detailed documentation—of 34 alleged Nazi war-criminals, of Lithuanian and Ukrainian origin, who entered the United Kingdom shortly after WWII.

The information was stated to

have been passed to Scottish television journalists by the Soviets. The men on the list were charged with responsibility for the murder of "hundreds of British prisoners of war in ordinary POW camps."

These reports could not be simply dismissed as KGB-stewed plots to embarrass a Western power, as some official British sources claimed. Nor did they sound like just another fabrication by the evil Communist empire intended to intimidate Soviet emigrants, as has been charged by Demjanjuk's lawyer in connection with the Soviet-supplied information for his trial.

British MP Greville Janner, a former war-crimes investigator and member of the All-Party Nazi War Crimes Committee, noted that "the allegations... were entirely consistent with known facts."

So much for "civilized" countries. BACK HERE in Jerusalem, the Demjanjuk trial continues. Regard-

less of its outcome, which is highly uncertain, the trial has attained almost mystical significance for those who still cling to the Zionist dream.

Here, in the first sovereign Jewish state in two millennia, three Jewish judges patiently listen to the evidence. To me they appear meticulously fair, sensitive, wise, and possessed of common sense. They are, in short, our judicial system's finest.

That system—so far removed from, and so far above the tawdry politics of our legislative and executive branches—is what millions of people around the world are now watching. The ancient prophecy that "from Zion shall go forth the law" attains some hope of fulfillment.

The light for the nations which many of us wish ourselves to be may, at times, be dim and flickering; but during the Demjanjuk trial it glows proudly. One can only hope that, no matter what the verdict may be in this case, there are some similar trials soon.

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READERS' LETTERS

ARMS TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—The sensitive issue of Israel's longstanding ties with South Africa—in particular its military ties—has long been a troublesome one for Israel because of its moral and ethical implications. It is quickly becoming a problem in desperate need of a solution.

In about two months a U.S. Congressional report will be submitted to the administration naming those countries receiving American aid that also have military ties with South Africa. The implication of this report is that any country that continues to sell arms to Pretoria may suffer a punitive cut-off of American aid.

Facing such a possibility, one would think that Israel's decision is easy and obvious. However, Israel desperately needs to export its products and services to any and all

countries willing and able to trade with her, including South Africa, a situation emphasized by the Arab boycott.

Israel has nonetheless indicated that it expects to cut its arms sales to South Africa "gradually." In addition to forgoing the trade benefits, this could cause Israel to lose up to \$60 million annually that the South African Jewish community is allowed to invest in Israel.

There is little question that Israel must completely cut its military trade with South Africa until that country rids itself of apartheid. To do so "gradually" is not sufficient: Israel must go "cold turkey" on this question. It must do so to safeguard its international image, as well as its relations with its chief ally, the United States.

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'ENTRANCE FREE'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—I don't often feel like saying *kol hakavod* to Philip Gillon, but this time (January 30), I believe he was right on target in his criticism of an incredibly biased and unfair television programme on the Jewish Agency and the WZO.

Having worked for a number of years in that framework and having chosen to leave, I am not about to defend the outmoded party system,

the inefficiency, waste and sometimes worse that goes on in the name of these institutions. To be sure, there is a great deal to criticize and change. But indiscriminate attacks such as that of *Entrance Free* may undercut the positive efforts that are being made to effect change within the system.

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U.S. INSISTS

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the U.S. intelligence community had cut back its intelligence-sharing with Israel, pending a resolution of the Pollard affair.

"Israel committed a very hostile act against us," one American source said. "They then go ahead and promote those officials involved. How can we continue business as usual?"

Israeli officials have informed the U.S. that they would discontinue cooperation in the investigation of the spy operation because of Sella's indictment and the prospect of more indictments against Israelis.

Israel has been told that three other Israeli officials involved in the Pollard affair—Rafael Eitan, who was in charge of the operation; Yosef Yagur, the former security councillor at the Israeli Consulate in New York; and Irit Erb, a secretary at the Israeli embassy in Washington—would soon have their immunity from prosecution lifted. A U.S. grand jury is preparing to indict the three, according to U.S. Justice Department sources.

During diplomatic exchanges in recent weeks, Israel has informed the U.S. that the lifting of immunity would violate an earlier government-to-government agreement. Shortly after Pollard's arrest outside the Israeli embassy on November 21, 1985, a U.S. delegation flew to Israel

to interview the three Israeli officials. They were promised immunity in exchange for their testimony.

But it was only after the U.S. delegation returned to Washington that the Americans discovered the allegedly key role played by Sella in recruiting Pollard. The U.S. accused Israel of trying to conceal Sella's involvement, and sought to question him. But Israel, anxious to protect Sella's career, rejected the U.S. requests setting the stage for his indictment.

American officials said that it was the decision to promote Sella to command the Tel Nof air force that led to the indictment, which came a day before Pollard was sentenced. The promotion has also infuriated American public opinion.

The Israeli ambassador in Washington, Meir Rosenne, spoke by telephone last Thursday with Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger. Weinberger, according to some reports, suggested to Rosenne that Pollard actually deserved to be executed, given the damage he did to U.S. national security.

In a secret affidavit submitted to the U.S. District Court before Pollard was sentenced, Weinberger argued that the 32-year-old analyst had severely damaged American national security by providing Israel with thousands of top-secret documents.

CRIMES AGAINST THE JEWISH PEOPLE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—In his article on Archbishop Trifa (February 11), Ernie Meyer did not deal with the current parliamentary aspect of the affair.

Following lengthy deliberations, the Knesset plenum, on December 3, 1986, referred to the Knesset Law Committee for preparation for a first reading an amendment on the punishment of Nazis and Nazi collaborators law, which I had submitted.

The amendment's purpose was to make prosecution possible in Israel for war crimes perpetrated in Romania, prior to its entry into war against Russia on February 15, 1941. That is, some three weeks after the Bucharest pogrom in which 129 Jews were cruelly murdered and in which Trifa played a central role.

PREPARING FOR CHILDBIRTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—In response to the article, "Prepared Childbirth for Prospective and New Parents" (January 12), we would like to point out that Misgav Ladach Hospital was not the pioneer in childbirth preparation in Jerusalem. Hadassah Medical Organization has provided childbirth preparation classes for over twenty years.

Trifa's death must not halt the legislative process. The amendment is a matter of principle. It stresses the fact that the Knesset will not tolerate a legal lacuna preventing those who committed crimes against the Jewish people from being brought to justice.

I would like to point out that Horia Sima, Romania's vice premier at that time, lives in Spain to this day. As head of the Romanian Iron Guard and in his state capacity, he was doubtless responsible for the pogrom and for crimes committed earlier. Now 80 years old, Sima lives in tranquility, an outspoken publicist preaching hatred of the Jews, in the spirit of classic anti-Semitism.

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Nor did Misgav Ladach Hospital invent the concept of choice in childbirth. Active participation and decision-making by the pregnant couple is the norm at Hadassah. The only restrictions we impose are the limitations of safety for mother and baby.

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HEALTH CLINICS IN EAST JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—I read with interest Sandra Cohen's article (February 17) on health services in East Jerusalem. It brought to mind similar experiences related by the first Hadassah public health nurses in the country as early as 1913.

Hadassah pioneered the concept of public health and the idea of Tipat Halav (mother and child care clinics). They opened their first station in Rehov Habad and others in Silwan and at Damascus Gate.

Nurse Lea Kleinman-Yona headed the Silwan Tipat Halav clinic and still recalls with affection her role as adviser and friend to all her patients as well as the mukhtar.

To report that the first Tipat Halav was opened in East Jerusalem after 1967 is misleading. It would be more accurate to write that the clinics were resumed following a 19-year break.

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SHMITTA YOUTH CONTEST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—Haim Shapiro's article on the Shmita contest (February 24) left me elated and disappointed at the same time.

I believe the contest, sponsored by Agudat Yisrael, is an excellent way to link Diaspora Jewry with Eretz Yisrael and I applaud them for it. However, if this is a contest for young people and girls are permitted to participate and even be eligible for the preliminary rounds, why are they not also qualified for the finals?

Is it possible Agudat Yisrael is afraid that a girl might just win the contest? If anything, two separate contests, one for boys and one for girls, could have been sponsored, thus avoiding a possible run-off between the sexes.

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